

CITY OF DETROIT FISCAL 2006/07 BUDGET

AGENCY 50 AUDITOR GENERAL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) acts as an independent, full-service appraisal function to examine and evaluate the City's activities in order to improve the accountability for public funds and to improve the operations of City government. We promote the economy, efficiency, and effectiveness of City government, and protect against fraud, waste, and abuse by conducting independent audits, investigations, and evaluations; by adhering to the professional standards of the auditing profession; and by promoting an atmosphere of mutual trust, honesty and integrity among OAG staff and the people we serve.

DESCRIPTION

The OAG performs audits of each City agency and prepares written reports that convey the resultant audit findings and recommendations to the City Council, the Mayor, and the management of each agency.

The OAG also performs special projects, and other work as requested by City Council, as initiated internally, or as required by City Code. Many of these projects result in formal reports or other communications to City Council. The Office also analyzes the Mayor's proposed City budget for City Council each fiscal year.

The annual financial audits of the City and its Federal financial assistance programs are performed by outside auditors hired by the Office of the Auditor General.

The OAG has the responsibilities and authority, as stated in Section 4-205 of the Charter of the City of Detroit, to make audits of the financial transactions of all City agencies; to make a report of the financial position of the City after the close of each fiscal year; to investigate the administration and operation of City agencies; and to make reports to City agencies of irregularities of practice and erroneous accounting methods.

GOALS

1. Improve the auditing and consulting capabilities of the OAG staff.
2. Improve the quality and timeliness of audit reports.
3. Complete a minimum of thirty-four audits, investigations, or special projects.
4. Identify opportunities for expense savings and increased revenues.

DEPARTMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| | GENERAL | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <u>FUND</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | \$3,002,162 | \$3,002,162 |
| REVENUES | <u>250,000</u> | <u>250,000</u> |
| NET TAX COST | \$2,752,162 | \$2,752,162 |
| POSITIONS | 23 | 23 |